

**REMARKS**

**Claim Rejections**

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-8 were indicated in the last Office Action to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 9-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

**Claim Amendments**

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 9-11 to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the amended claims 9-12 now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-8 are allowable. Since claims 9-12 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

**Summary**

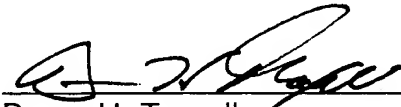
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner not be of the opinion that this case is in condition for allowance, it is requested that this amendment to be entered for the purposes of appeal.

Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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